1	2	3
Manipur	143.33	454
Meghalaya	200.32	933
Mizoram	0.7	5
Nagaland	61.82	443
Tripura	386.3	1240
Bhutan Imp.	752.83	4050
ALL INDIA TOTAL	2,16,506.95	6,63,000

*tentative

Electricity supply situation in Bihar

2038. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of electricity is very bad in the country, specially in Bihar;

(b) if so, the difference of demand and supply of electricity, specially in Bihar; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to minimize this margin?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) There is an overall shortage of power in the country at present including in Bihar. The shortages vary from state to state, month to month and hour to hour. The power supply position in the country including that of Bihar during the current financial year (April - July, 2006) was as under:

	Energy (MU)			Peak (MW)		
	Requirement	Availability	Shortage (%)	Demand	Met	Shortage (%)
Bihar	682	632	7.3	1,295	985	23.9
All India	54,087	50,895	5.9	90,991	80,900	11.1

(c) Electricity being a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity in a state is in the purview of the concerned State Government/ State Power Utility. Government of India only supplements the efforts of State Government(s) by commissioning power projects through Central Public Sector Undertakings. The following major steps have been taken to bridge the gap between demand and supply in the country as well as in Bihar:

(i) Quantum jump in generation capacity addition during 10th Plan. As against the capacity addition of 36,956 MW envisaged at the time of mid term appraisal (MTA) of 10th Plan, capacity addition of 34,024 MW is being monitored for achievement during the 10th Plan, which happens to be about 92% of the target.

(ii) The Central plan outlay has been increased by more than three times in the 10th Plan in comparison to 9th Plan.

(iii) Advance planning of generation capacity addition during 11th Plan.

(iv) Strengthening/augmentation of sub-transmission & distribution system in States under Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) as a major step towards reduction of Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) Losses.

(v) Expediting rural electrification programme in the country under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

(vi) "Partnership in Excellence" programme for adoption of better operation and maintenance (O&M) practices to enable enhancement of Plant Load Factor (PLF) of existing thermal power stations.

(vii) Renovation, modernization and life extension of old and inefficient generation units with interest subsidy on loans by the Power Finance Corporation under Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP).

(viii) Enhancement of inter-state and inter-regional transfer of power by strengthening of inter-state and inter-regional transmission links eventually leading to formation of National Grid.

(ix) Exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.

(x) Promoting demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

(xi) At present 1170 MW power has been allocated to Bihar which includes 1069 MW from the NTPC stations in the Eastern Region and 101 MW from Chukha HEP and Rangit HEP. This happens to be highest among the Eastern Region constituents. Bihar will get its entitled share in the central generating stations under construction as per its entitlement subject to signing of power purchase agreement.

(xii) Under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana, a special package has been sanctioned by Government of India for strengthening of sub-transmission system in different part of Bihar. The work is being executed by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

(xiii) Assistance has been provided by Government of India to Bihar under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme for strengthening/up-gradation of sub-transmission and distribution network and under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana for rural electrification.

(xiv) Muzaffarpur Thermal Power Station (220 MW) of Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) is being renovated by a Joint Venture of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and BSEB and Barauni Thermal Power Station (320 MW) of BSEB is being renovated by BHEL under the supervision of NTPC.

Electrification of villages in NER

2039. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme namely Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the number of villages in the North-Eastern Region specially in Sikkim covered under this scheme, State-wise, village-wise and district-wise;

(c) the details of works done so far under the scheme during the last three years and till date; and

(d) the details of steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana introduced in April, 2005 envisages to provide access to electricity to all households in the entire country by 2009.